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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: DAR'S REQUEST FOR PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: DAR'S 1914

1. MY VIEW IS THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO VOLUNTEER NOTHING TO PRESS AND THAT IF SOMETHING HAS TO BE SAID, IT SHOULD BE IN THE MOST GENERAL TERMS THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. THERE SHOULD CERTAINLY BE NO MENTION OF FATHER VAGNI WITHOUT THE PRIOR CLEARANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE, NOR IF IT CAN BE AVOIDED, SHOULD WE GET INTO THE QUESTION OF WHO CAN OR CANNOT PAY RANSOM.

2. IT STRIKES ME THAT IT IS A GOOD THING STEINER'S PRESENCE IN BUJUMBURA HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED SINCE BY CONTINUING TO TALK ABOUT STEINER'S AVAILABILITY WE HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE TO HAVE A GENUINELY CONFIDENTIAL NEGOTIATION THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS.
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